

CHURCH MATTERS.

Religious Notices.

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.—Rev. H. W. Ballantine, Pastor. Public worship on the Sabbath at 10.30 a. m. and 7.30 p. m. Sunday school at 12 m. Sunday school prayer-meeting, Sabbath at 7 p. m. Weekly prayer-meeting, Thursday at 7.45 p. m.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH.—Rev. Ezra D. Simons, Pastor. Sunday services: Preaching at 10.30 a. m. and 7.30 p. m. Sunday school, 12 m. The Lord's Supper on the first Sabbath of each month, close of morning service. Temperance meeting on Tuesday evenings. Prayer people's meeting on Thursday evenings. Young People's meeting, Sabbath evening at 6.30 o'clock.

METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH.—Rev. D. R. Lowrie, Pastor. Sunday services: Preaching, 10.30 a. m. and 7.30 p. m. Sunday school at 12 m. Prayer meeting, Thursday evenings at 7.45. Class meetings, Tuesday and Friday evenings at 7.45 o'clock.

WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.—Fremont street, corner Franklin.—Rev. S. W. Duffield, Pastor. Sabbath services, 10.30 a. m. and 7.30 p. m. Sunday school, 12 m. Weekly prayer-meeting at 8 o'clock each Thursday evening, in Chapel parlour.

CHRIST CHURCH (Episcopal).—Liberty street.—Rev. W. G. Farrington, D.D., Rector. Morning service, 10.30 o'clock. Second service, 4 p. m. Sunday school at 2.45 p. m.

CHURCH OF THE SACRED HEART.—Rev. J. M. Nardello, Pastor. First Mass, 8.30 a. m. High Mass, 10.30 a. m. Vespers, 3 p. m. Sunday school, 2.30 p. m.

BERKELEY UNION SABBATH SCHOOL.—Held in Berkeley School-house, Bloomfield avenue, every Sunday at 3 o'clock p. m. John A. Skinner, Superintendent. All are welcome.

WATSESSING M. E. CHURCH.—Rev. J. Cowans, Pastor. Sunday services: Preaching, 10.30 a. m. and 7.30 p. m. Sunday school, 2.30 p. m. Prayer meeting, Thursday evening at 7.45. Class meeting on Tuesday evening at 7.45.

ST. PAUL'S PROTESTANT EPISCOPAL CHURCH (Watseessing).—Rev. Daniel I. Edwards, Rector. Morning service, 10.30 o'clock; evening service, 7.30. Sunday school, 3 p. m.

GERMAN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.—Rev. John M. Esplin, Pastor. Hours of service, 10.30 a. m. Sunday school, 2 p. m. Prayer meeting, Tuesday evening, 7.45 o'clock.

REFORMED CHURCH (Brookdale).—Rev. William G. E. See, Pastor. Sabbath services, 10.30 a. m. and 7.30 p. m. Sunday school, 9 a. m. E. G. Day, Superintendent. Prayer meeting, Wednesday evening.

HOPE CHAPEL.—Sunday school every Sabbath at 3.30 p. m. John G. Broughton, Superintendent.

SILVER LAKE.—Sabbath school held every Sunday, in the hall, at 3 p. m. Charles A. Hubbs, Superintendent. Gospel meeting every Sabbath evening at 7.30 o'clock. Prayer and Conversational meeting, Friday evening.

Narrow Escape.

We would unite our congratulations with those of Mr. F. C. Van Anken's many friends upon his narrow escape while bicycling last Monday evening. The circumstances were as follows: While riding at a high rate of speed going down grade on Bloomfield avenue Mr. Van Anken sighted in the distance a heavy wagon drawn by a team of horses and immediately turned his bicycle to the side of the road, close to a pile of water pipes. In the time that it takes to write it, the bicycle and horses were but a few feet apart, when the horses becoming frightened, jumped immediately in front of the "machine," leaving the rider the only alternative of being deposited among the pipes or a collision with the horses. Mr. Van Anken immediately closed the latter, put on brake, and vaulted to the horse's back, from whence he safely alighted to the ground. The only injury sustained by the machine was easily repaired.

Mr. Van Anken expresses no desire to repeat the experiment.

Bloomfield Fire Association.

At a special meeting held by the Bloomfield Fire Association, at the Truck House, on Monday evening, the following resolution was passed:

Resolved, That it is the sense of this meeting that the best interests of life, property and the perpetuity of our active companies and this Association will be best served by our being recognized by the Township Committee, under the provision to act of April, 1879, and the several supplements thereto.

After a thorough discussion of the situation, a special committee, consisting of Messrs. Moore, Weeks, Benedict and Tanner, was appointed to confer with the Township Committee, on Wednesday, to arrive at a definite understanding with that body. The primary object being to have the Committee pass a resolution recognizing them under a special law which was passed at the last session of the Legislature, instead of under the common law, as they now are.

The gentlemen were present, and after a presentation of their views by Mr. Weeks, a lengthy discussion ensued in which Mr. Carter stated that he thought the objects of the Association had been accomplished, and it should now be disbanded. His colleagues failed to see the matter in that light, and after eleven o'clock the matter was laid over until the next meeting.

Some of the Township Committee are of the opinion that the recognition the Association now have under the resolution passed by the old Committee is sufficient for them. The following is the resolution on which the action of the Township Committee is based, and which the Fire Association desires them to pass:

Be it resolved, By the Township Committee of the

Township of Bloomfield, That the Bloomfield Fire Association be and they hereby are duly designated and constituted the authorized Fire Department of said Township, and are hereby intrusted, so long as they may prove worthy and efficient, with all fire apparatus and means of extinguishing fires, provided by the Township Committee of said Township, and the direction and control of all public fire matters in said Township, subject only to the inspection and supervision of the said Township Committee.

The Berkeley Primary School.

The school term ended on June 26th, and the usual exercises took place in the afternoon of that day. From the opening glee to the end of the programme it was clearly apparent that teachers and scholars were in complete accord, and that perfect discipline prevailed. The entire entertainment was a succession of agreeable surprises, the earliest and most astonishing being the delivery of a nursery rhyme by a diminutive specimen of humanity about (knee height of a grass hopper), whose head, when standing erect, would not reach above the shoulders of the children seated, yet who marched boldly to the front and opened the recitation, speaking his little piece confidently and with the utmost sang froid.

In the musical portions of the entertainment there was unmistakable evidence of careful and persistent training, and the selection of voices—in perfect harmony—in the choruses, reflects credit upon their instruction. The smooth rendition of the semi-chorus, "Come Unto Me," by such young children, was certainly remarkable.

The school has been without an organizer since May 1st, and the position has been filled by Miss Susie Fresno, a pupil of the first class, who is a very pleasing performer, has an even firm touch, plays with much expression, and in excellent time.

At its proper place in the programme the Principal presented her report of the year's work accomplished, read the list of promotions, and pointed out those whose names appeared upon

THE ROLL OF HONOR, which was made up from those pupils having the highest average for the year. As there are three school terms in a year, and the average is taken at the close of each term, the yearly average is an average for the three terms. The following is a list of the successful little ones and their averages:

FIRST CLASS: Nettie Farrand, 92; Ann Peterson, 90; Susie Fresno, 90; Harry Pich, 89. SECOND CLASS: Mabel Van Arsdale, 90; Walter Hampson, 88; Adolph Wirmar, 88; Samuel Stunt, 85. THIRD CLASS: Lilian Hampson, 93; May Thornall, 92; Alfred Gansbrook, 91. FOURTH CLASS: George Gansbrook, 96; Louis Jackson, 95; Mary Cropper, 95; Maggie Holt, 95; Eva Coons, 95; Anna Richter, 93.

From the First Class 21 were sent to the Grammar School, from the Second Class 30 were promoted to the First, from the Third Class 24 were promoted to the Second, and from the Fourth Class 28 were promoted to the Third.

At the close of the exercises the following named pupils received prizes from their teachers: George Heitzel and George Ellor of the Third Class, for good scholarship; Agnes Clark, of the Second Class, for perfect attendance during the year, not having been once absent or late; Craig Bailey, of the Second Class, for improvement in writing; Florence Chandler, of the First Class, for perfect attendance during the year, not having been once absent or late; Nettie Farrand, of the First Class, for highest scholarship during the year; Jeanie Van DeGrift, of the First Class, for the greatest improvement in writing; Daisy Grimshaw, of the First Class, for neat, well written copy book; and to Susie Fresno, a token of appreciation for services in music.

The pretty, excited little ones formed a pleasing picture to look upon, rendered still more pleasing by the fact that every little face was nicely washed, and every little nose was clean.

Lawn Tennis.

Understanding that your issue of this week will be out Friday morning instead of Saturday, I beg to say that the Tennis Club, if the weather is fine, be out in full force, and will be glad to have their friends witness the games. A series of matches are to be played, both single and double. There will probably be not less than eighteen players on the ground. The games will begin about 9 a. m.

TENNIS.

Reflections.

To the Bloomfield Citizen: The offer of the citizen who volunteered to light up Washington street with tallow dips was refused, as it might be taken as casting reflections on the late lamented Town Council.

Where was the burying place of the "Law and Order League," and what caused its so early demise? Since the Italian regiment moved out of Washington street, their watch fires and night-lamps are missed by the despairing natives in search of light.

The proprietors and proprietresses of the various town saloons are discussing the propriety of founding a fund to establish a new society, to be known as "Mourners for the Law and Order League." Why "for"? Better make the name of the new organization "Law and Order Breakers."

Is there any truth in the report that the Town Council are buying up the shells of the used-up Roman candles of the glorious Fourth, to be re-filled for lighting the streets? H. J. S.

Standing by Blaine.

To the Bloomfield Citizen: Two weeks ago I wrote you a note commending your leader on the nomination of the Chicago Convention, but it was mislaid and so failed to see the light of your columns, and I had passed the matter with the conclusion that your readers had not lost much. I now wish not only to commend the article mentioned but to most heartily endorse the entire course of the Citizen as to the interests of the campaign. Your articles from the beginning have had the right ring and your selections have been most admirable.

Mr. Blaine was not my choice as the candidate for the Presidential nomination, but I do not expect the entire Republican party to bow to my wish, and I believe that the

principles of the party are too strongly identified with the best interests of the country, and I have advocated them too strongly and for too long a time to turn my back on them now and go over to all that I believe is wrong and reprehensible in Democracy, in a moment of political pique. I acknowledge that the Republican leaders are not all I wish they were, and that the party itself has not come up to what I had hoped for; but its leaders are somewhat above those of any other of which I know, and Republican principles are so much nearer what I conceive to be right than any other party with which I have an acquaintance, that until I find some other organization that does come nearer my standard I prefer to remain where I am. I believe it is above cavil that James G. Blaine was fairly nominated by a Convention composed of prominent Republicans, elected, I honestly believe, with less of taint of machine work or dictation than the delegates of any political convention that has been held for years past. It now remains for Republicans to say whether we shall have a Republican Administration the next four years or not. And from my acquaintance and intercourse with manufacturers and prominent other American business men, I am impressed that this is a question of the very deepest importance to the business interests of the country, and I most thoroughly believe that in helping to elect the Republican ticket this fall we are doing our very best for the most speedy revival of American industries and business interests.

Again, in closing, I wish heartily to commend the course thus far pursued by the Citizen. I think the last number worth the price of a year's subscription, and that a better campaign document could not be circulated. I am a firm believer in "printer's ink," and should like to see a copy of your last issue put into every family in town. It seems to me the committee in charge of the campaign work could not do a better thing than to subscribe for five hundred copies for the next four or five months for circulation.

Bloomfield, June 30, 1884.

Some Unbiased Opinions of the Nominations.

To the Citizen:

The following extracts are from two extreme points of observation and are worthy of consideration at this time. The first is from the Interior, the Presbyterian paper published in Chicago and one of the most influential religious weeklies of the country. Written under the influence and excitement of the Convention, the language of an independent paper that so far as it has indicated any political proclivities in the past has leaned to Democracy. The other one comes across the ocean from the cool headed London Times away from the scenes and influences of the Convention and after time enough has elapsed to look at the nominations dispassionately.

The National Republican Convention, which met in this city last week, had a brief and comparatively harmonious session. It sat but four days and took but four ballots to nominate the chief candidate. Four years ago the convention sat for a week and had thirty-six ballots and a fierce contest for the first place. We are under the impression that this convention more fully represented the party voice than the former one, and was composed largely of untrammelled delegates. The candidates chosen are men of high position, closely identified with the past record of the party. The facts, together with the absence of any great issue, are likely to lead to a personal canvass and great party spirit in the campaign. But whatever may be the character, after other nominations are made, it is to be hoped that the religious and virtuous elements that so largely pervade both parties, will hold itself high above the criminalities and low methods resorted to by unprincipled politicians, and will help by word and deed to keep the question of the choice of a President from dragging in the mire. God rules, and by his providence directs the choice of rulers; and the country is safe when resting upon Him, whatever may be the result in November.

"It would be curious if the selection of Blaine, who possesses greater ability than any other Presidential candidate, with one or two exceptions, since the earliest days of the Republic, should result in the defeat of the Republican party after an unbroken ascendancy of a quarter of a century."—London Times, June 16.

Prompt Action in Case of Fire.

To the Citizen:

The idea of promptness in case of fire cannot be too much impressed into or upon the minds of the members of a fire department. The first minute lost at any blazing fire where it has plenty of material and a full chance to spread, will require at least a three-fold increasing power to offset the lost minute, and seven times the power for the second minute, fifteen for the third, thirty-one for the fourth, sixty-three for the fifth, and so on the same ratio until it is impossible to save the property which first took fire.

A very little water and a cool head the first few minutes of a fire are of inestimable value as compared with oceans of water later. For instance, at a fire in a dwelling a few years since, the servant reported to her mistress that there was a fire somewhere in the house. The lady immediately gave orders to fill tubs and buckets with water, and for her son to run and call the neighbors, while she herself discovered the fire to be around the chimney. Help soon arrived, and upon punching holes through the plastering and throwing a very little water through these holes with a small hand pump the fire was quickly extinguished with no visible damage except three small holes in the wall, no larger than one's finger. Master George, who stood looking on, remarked: "Cracky! mother, if the old Yale had come down here they would have stove in the windows, smashed the furniture, and rooted up all the carpets in the house." Now, is the lad's opinion an exaggerated one? Are not such destructive acts almost always among the attendant circumstance at fires in all towns where the main dependence is placed upon large appliances with floods of water. Who has not seen the later arrivals insist upon having their stream thrown upon the premises after the fire had been subdued? Such acts have not happened in this town, and let us hope that we may keep men in charge of our department who will make it a study to protect property from damage as well as from fire. In fact, could not we do something to increase the efficiency of our department by offering rewards for the first water thrown upon a fire, by any agency, thus making it an object for the first to discover a fire to do something to put it under control. This seems to be a matter worthy the attention of the Trustees.

To count but few things necessary is the foundation of many virtues.

W. G. T. P.

"For God and Home and Native Land."

A Drunkard's Picture.

Flaming nose,
Bloated face,
Tattered clothes,
Despised of race,
Tangled hair,
Pimpled skin,
Dejected air,
Soul of sin,
Aching head,
Blood shot eyes,
Late to bed,
Slow to rise,
Wear wife,
Children bad,
Such a life,
Oh, how sad,
This is Tim,
Drunken sot,
Pity him,
Sad his lot.

A. D. W.

Mrs. M. J. Pearson, a Temperance Evangelist from England, will preach from Mr. Lowrie's pulpit on Sabbath evening next. Her subject is "Sweet Companionship," and we can assure the people that they will find it a rare privilege to hear her. She is Vice President of the British Woman's Temperance Association and also President of the Nottingham branch. A most earnest and eloquent speaker we found her as we listened last Sabbath evening to her wonderful discourse from the text "God so loved the world."

The Gospel temperance meeting on Sunday afternoon, was addressed by the Rev. David Walters of Belleville, whose arguments in favor of total abstinence were clear and forcible, showing the effects of narcotics, especially that of alcohol, upon the physical system.

The manner in which the question was treated made the address at once interesting and instructive, showing that the speaker had given the subject thorough investigation.

A Fact.

"I can stop when I please, I never take more than my daily allowance, and never allow myself a large portion," was the oft repeated saying from the lips of our friend Mr. R., whenever he was cautioned about his taking alcohol. "All men engaged in like business with myself find a little spirits necessary," said he, "and must have it."

Mr. R.—some twelve years ago was a prominent man in the city where he resided, loved by many, respected by all classes and kind, useful and influential, but, oh that word but! he was a moderate drinker and drunk daily.

"I am a man," he would emphatically say, "and there is no danger of my drinking to excess. Manhood will uphold me: I will never allow myself to become intoxicated." Was he right? Was the danger imaginary? Did manhood uphold him?

Alas, no, he is to-day going down to a drunkard's grave. Money gone, business gone, friends gone, wife unhappy, children ashamed of their father, and the poor man broken in health and chained with an iron chain to a benighted vicious habit.

This was a moderate drinker, who never intended to become a drunkard, and yet would have his daily dram. For moderate drinkers there is no safety, they are trying to see how close they can drive to the precipice without going over.

Touch not, taste not, handle not, is the only safe course. The vile drink will not bear touching, tasting or handling.

And as for trusting to manhood it will prove a broken reed that cannot be leaned upon. God's grace alone can aid a person in breaking the sad and fearful habit.

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